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THE COPPY OF TWO LETTERS FROM Sr. THOMAS ROWE,

Lord Embaſſador Extraordinary for His Majeſty in Germany.

One to the Earle of Holland.

The other to Mr. *Edward Waller*, one of the Members of the Houſe of *Commons*.

Concerning the French Embaſſadors Accuſation againſt him in the Houſe of Peeres.

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My Lord,

I Have heard that the French Embaſſadour hath by your Lordſhips mediation preferred a Complaint againſt me in the Houſe of Peeres: *That I have offered to the King of Hungary, in the Name of His Majeſty my Maſter a League Offenſive and Defenſive againſt all Men, upon condition of reſtitution and reintegration of the Prince Elector Palatine to his Lands and Dignities: which being in contravention of the League between His Majeſty, the French King, and the United States, was offenſively taken.* In which he deſired reparation.

I could have wiſhed ſo much moderation in the French Embaſſador (if the jealouſie proceed from himſelfe) that he had firſt been well grounded to have proved his Accuſation: If by Order from the King his Maſter, that he would have been pleaſed, to have asked this Queſtion of His Majeſty, before he brought it into publique, to whom, he cannot doubt, that I have given account of my Actions?

But ſeeing he hath preſented me before the Lords, I am not ſorry nor unwilling to purge my ſelfe before ſo Honorable Judges: nor that I am fallen into your Lordſhips Hands, who I preſume will do me equall Juſtice (which I beſeech of you) to repreſent my Anſwer before their Lordſhips, which is,

With all Reverence to the thrice Christian King, and due respect to his Embassador, as his representant, and without relation to the command of the one, or obedience to the other: the whole Accusation in Forme and Matter, in Substance and Circumstances, is unjust, and in the first Inventor false, and against Innocency, Truth, and Faithfull service, Scandalous.

I never received any such Power, nor Instruction, from his Majesty, my Master, nor had the boldnesse, infidelity, or indiscretion, to presume to do it of my selfe; but so far the contrary, that I have often openly, authentically, and seriously professed against any motion or overture of any confederation directly or consequently against the Crownes of France and Swede, and the United Provinces, his Majesties Friends and Allies, which is Registred in many Publike Acts, which I could produce, testifie by all the Embassadors, Mediators in this Treaty, but that I value my owne Witnesse equall, and sufficient against my Accuser.

Your Lordship and many of the honorable Peeres, have long known me: I am not ignorant, either of my Duty, or the present conjuncture of Europe, and shall end with this Profession: that as I am a faithfull Servant to my Master, so I am a good and true Englishman, neither French, Spanish, Austrian, nor Dutch, nor for any respects shall ever be: which I wish were the true Character of all my Countrymen, of which, when I shall have the honor to render an Accompt (if I be called unto it) to the high Court of Parliament, I am confident that I shall not onely justifie all my Actions, but make it appear to my owne Advantage, That in a businesse of so much perplexity, and of so many

many Relations, wherein I have ſtood alone; That I have both underſtood my imployment and the preſent condition of Publique Affaires; and principally directed all my ſcope to the honour of his Majeſty, the ſafety and advantage of his Kingdomes, and the preſervation of true Religion in thoſe places, where it hath pleaſed God, both to plant and purge it, by his Chaſtiſements. And thus much, out of your innate Candor and ingenuity, and for a Teſtimony of your Lordſhips Favour to me, I beſeech you humbly to preſent, in my Name, to the houſe of Peeres: That they may be pleaſed to Regiſter, and Publiſh my Proteſtation, for the Vindication of my honeſty and reputation, wherein you ſhall infinitely Oblige.

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The Coppy of another Letter from Sir Thomas Rowe, *to Maſter* Edward Waller, *one of the Members of the Houſe of Commons, concerning the French Embaſſadors Accuſation againſt him, in the Houſe of Peeres.*

Sir,

I Was confident that the whole courſe of my Life, and the warineſſe I have learnt by long experience, would have prevented my neceſſity of making an Apologie, eſpecially to the Honourable Houſe of Commons (whereof I am an humble Member) either of my intentions or Actions. But having underſtood that I have been Accuſed by the French Embaſſador, *To have offered to the King of Hungary, in the Name of His Majeſty, my Maſter, a League Offenſive and Defenſive againſt all men, upon condition of reſtitution and reintegration of the Prince Elector Palatine to his Lands and dignities; which being in contravention of the League between His Majeſty, the French King, and the United States, was offenſively taken, and therefore reparation required.* I have thought it my Duty, both to His Majeſty, and for the Juſtification of my fidelity, and the tender care of my reputation, wounded in the high Court of Parliament, to deſire this Office of Friend-

Friendſhip from you, to repreſent my Anſwer.

First, That I never received any ſuch Power nor Inſtructions from His Majeſty, my Maſter, nor that any reſpect could ſo far decline me from my Duty, to undertake of my ſelfe to tranſgreſſe both my Order and againſt my own judgement. Therefore I muſt proteſt, with all reverence to the thrice Chriſtian King, and due reſpect to his Embaſſador as his repreſentant, and without Relation to the command of the one, or obedience of the other; the whole Accuſation in forme and matter, in ſubſtance and circumſtance, is unjuſt, and in the firſt Inventer falſe, and againſt Innocency, Truth, and Faithfull ſervice, Scandalous.

It is very eaſie to Blot and Stain the pureſt Innocency; but I am confident, in the equity and Wiſedome of the houſe of Commons, that they will not onely give credit to my aſſertion, but that they will ſo far regard the reputation of one of their Members, as to Blot out and expunge all Record or Memory of this Imputation; and that they will pleaſe to beleeve, that I both underſtand my Duty, and the preſent State of the troubled World; and that all my Negotiations have principally reſpected the honour and conveniency of my King and Country: of which I ſhall render ſuch an Accounnt as every Accuſation ſhall turn to my advantage.

I will not reflect upon the ſcope of this Complaint againſt me, knowing well their Wiſedomes will eaſily penetrate, that there may lye hid other deſignes, then to diſgrace a private Man: but humbly

bly desireing, they will be pleased, as far, and wide to publish my integrity, as it hath beene defamed: I will no further trouble them, nor you, but rest.

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